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By deleting subsections § 49-13-143(e) and (f) from the amendatory language of Section 3 and by substituting instead the following:

(e) Notwithstanding § 49-13-112, charter schools authorized by the state charter school panel shall be totally funded by the state and shall not receive any local funding from the LEA in which the school is located; except that the LEA shall transmit to the department any federal funding that is in the custody of the LEA which is due to the charter school. The department shall allocate to the charter school from state funds an amount equal to the per student state and local funds that would have been received by the LEA if the charter school students had attended an LEA operated school. This allocation from state funds, together with any federal funding in the custody of the department that is due to the charter school, shall be disbursed to the charter school by the department according to rules and regulations adopted by the state board of education.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-110(c), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (3):

(3)

(A) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), upon dissolution of a charter school authorized by the state charter school panel for any reason or if the charter is not renewed, any unencumbered public funds from the

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charter school shall revert to the state. In the event that a charter school authorized by the panel is dissolved or otherwise terminated, all property and improvements, furnishings and equipment purchased with public funds shall be transferred to full ownership by the state, subject to complete satisfaction of any lawful liens or encumbrances.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(2), if a charter school authorized by the panel is dissolved for any reason or the charter is not renewed, the charter school is responsible for all debts of the charter school. The state may not assume the debt from any contract for services made between the governing body of the school and a third party.

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-112(e)(1)(D), is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of the subdivision and by substituting instead the following:

; except that no local funding shall be provided by LEAs to charter schools authorized by the state charter school panel.

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-114(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (2):

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) shall not apply to charter schools authorized by the state charter school panel. If a charter school authorized by the panel elects to provide transportation for its pupils, then, before the charter agreement is executed, the department and the charter school shall enter into an agreement

specifying the terms, conditions and amount of the funding that the state shall provide for transportation.

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-119, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), teachers, as defined in § 8-34-101, and other employees of a public charter school authorized by the state charter school panel shall participate in the group insurance plans authorized in title 8, chapter 27, part 2, in the same manner as other state employees.